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 SUBJECT: FRENCH EQUIPMENT FOR UNAMIR

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: WE APPROACHED THE QUAI JULY 19 TO
 ENCOURAGE THE FRENCH TO LEAVE OPERATION TURQUOISE
 MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR UNAMIR CONTINGENTS AND WERE
 INFORMED THAT THE GOF ALREADY HAD GIVEN UNAMIR
 COMMANDER DALLAIRE A NEGATIVE REPLY ON THE SAME
 REQUEST. END SUMMARY.

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3. [REDACTED] EVENING OF JULY 19 THAT UNAMIR COMMANDER DALLAIRE ALREADY HAD REQUESTED THE GOF TO LEAVE OPERATION TURQUOISE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL FOR UNAMIR CONTINGENTS WHEN FRENCH TROOPS WITHDREW FROM RWANDA, AND THAT FRANCE WAS NOT ABLE TO DO SO. THE PRINCIPLE REASON IS THAT THE FRENCH ARMY UNITS THERE HAVE ONLY "NEW AND SOPHISTICATED" EQUIPMENT WHICH IS NECESSARY FOR THEIR CONTINUED OPERATION AND WHICH CANNOT READILY BE REPLACED FROM EXISTING STOCKS. NONETHELESS, SHE ADDED THAT INSTALLATIONS SUCH AS THE CYANGUGU FIELD HOSPITAL WOULD REMAIN AND POSSIBLY CERTAIN NON-ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT. DALLAIRE ALSO HAD INQUIRED ABOUT RENTING TRUCKS OR CERTAIN OTHER ITEMS; THE FRENCH SAID GOF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES PREVENTED THIS. ONLY SALES OR GIFTS WERE POSSIBLE.

4. [REDACTED] POINTED OUT THAT FRANCE WAS EQUIPPING 240 SENEGALESE, 160 CHADIAN, 40 NIGERIEN AND 40 CONGOLESE MILITARY. THE TWO LATTER CONTINGENTS WERE TO BE PART
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OF UNAMIR AND THE FRENCH ALREADY HAD ASKED DALLAIRE TO APPROACH THE RPF TO FACILITATE THE EVENTUAL TRANSFER OF THE SENEGALESE FROM TURQUOISE TO UNAMIR.

5. IN A JULY 19 RADIO INTERVIEW, FONMIN JUPPE ALSO REITERATED FRANCE'S INTENTION TO HAVE ITS TROOPS OUT BY MID-AUGUST. BOIVINEAU SAID THIS WAS NOT A POLICY MODIFICATION, MERELY A PUBLIC REMINDER THAT ITS MANDATE ENDS AUGUST 21 AND THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD OF AN EXTENSION.

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